My lord of Burgundy, we'll take your oath,
And all the peers',, for surety of our leagues.—
Then shall I swear to Kate, and you to me;
And may our oaths well kept and prosperous be !

[Eweunt

Enter CHORUS.

Thus far, with rough, and all unable pen,
Our bending author[7] has pursued the story:
In little room confining mighty men.
Mangling by starts[8] the full course of their glory.
Small time, but, in that small, most greatly liv'd
This star of England: fortune made his sword :
By which the world's best garden [9] he achiev'd.
And of it left his son imperial lord.
Henry the sixth, in infant bands crown'd king
Of France and England did this king succeed:
Whose state so many had the managing,
That they lost France, and made his England bleed:
Which oft our stage hath shown; and, for their sake,
In your fair minds let this acceptance take. *[Exit*[1].

, " Our marriage will we present solemnize
" And end our hatred by a bond of love
" Then will I swear to Kate, and Kate to me
** And may our vows once made, unbroken be,"

STEEVENS.

[7] Our BENDING author —] By *bending*, our author meant *unequal to the weight of his subject, and bending beneath it*: or he may mean, as in Hamlet: *c Here *stooping* to your clemency."

STEEVENS.

[8] Mangling by starts —] By touching only on select parts.

JOHNSON.

[9] the world's best GARDEN —] i. e.

France. A similar distinction is bestowed in The Taming of the Shrew, on Lombardy:

" The pleasant *garden* of great Italy."

STEEVENS.

[1] This play has many scenes of high dignity, and many of easy merriment. The character of the King is well supported, except in his courtship, where he has neither the vivacity of Hal, nor